

SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION

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NOMINATION APPLICATION FOR CLASSES ENTERING THE ACADEMIES

APPLICATION DEADLINE: LAST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Each year members of Congress nominate young men and women to become eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. The academies are seeking future cadets and midshipmen who possess “whole person” qualifications: good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, motivation to achieve academically and eventually to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces. Later this year I will make ten nominations for each Senate vacancy at:

The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

The United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

My nominations will be based entirely on the recommendations of my Merit Selection Committee which is made up of community representatives from Colorado. The nominating process begins with the accompanying application packet. All required forms and documents **MUST** be on file in my office by the deadline which is the last Friday in September. If your file is complete at that time and you are eligible, you will be scheduled for a personal interview with my Merit Selection Committee. I will announce my nominations before the end of the year.

After my nominations have been submitted to the academies, the Admissions Office of each academy will offer the actual appointments to successful nominees. The announcement of appointments can begin as early as January and will continue for several months until the ranks of the next entering classes are full.

Because the nomination process is **EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE**, be sure to apply to all nominating sources available to you. Also, you should indicate your alternative academy choices in case you don't receive a nomination to your first academy choice. Give yourself the benefit of every opportunity! Please read this application packet thoroughly and follow instructions carefully. Don't hesitate to call my academies staff with any questions or concerns.

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for an academy nomination from your Colorado Senator:

You must be:

1. a legal resident of the State of Colorado
2. between the ages of 17 and not yet 22 on July 1st of the academy class entering year
3. a graduate of high school before July 1st of the year of entrance to an academy

You must submit the following documents to my office before the last Friday in September.

1. an official application with photo attached (DO NOT SUBSTITUTE RESUME)
2. concise (one page each) answers to essay questions
3. two personal letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, community leaders, church leaders, scout/CAP/JROTC leaders or other adults who know you well (These two letters are IN ADDITION to the counselor's information on the school form)

You are responsible for directing the following documents to arrive at my office before the deadline:

1. the school recommendation form (found in this packet) which must include your high school transcript bearing the official seal of your school or the signature and title of a school official
2. your ACT or SAT scores (to apply, you MUST have one or the other by the deadline)

To be eligible for a Congressional nomination and eventually to be eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy, you MUST follow two procedures at the same time:

CONSIDERATION FOR A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION:	CONSIDERATION FOR AN ACADEMY APPOINTMENT:
(Congressional Office)	(Academy Admissions Office)
When your completed Congressional nomination application (included in this packet) is received in my office, I will establish and maintain a file in your name in my office.	When each academy receives your completed pre-candidate questionnaire (which YOU MUST REQUEST from each academy), a file will be established and maintained in your name.
You may add information, letters of recommendation, transcripts, ACT and SAT scores, etc. at any time BEFORE the last Friday in September.	You may add information to your file at an academy, as instructed by each academy. BE AWARE OF DEADLINES !!
Keep in touch with my office!	Keep in touch with academies!

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approx. 2x2

3. I have received the following HONORS and AWARDS during my high school years:

(Use another page if you need additional space.)

4. I have participated or held a LEADERSHIP role in the following activities (sports, clubs, church groups, scouts, community projects, etc.)

(Use another page as needed.)

5. My employment history follows:
(employer)

(date)

description – optional

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(Use another page as needed.)

6. My academy choices in order of preference are: (list only those from which you would actually accept an appointment.)

U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO)_____

U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY)_____

U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)_____

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY)_____

I am also seeking an academy nomination through the office of: (President, Vice President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative)

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Your answers to these questions, combined with your application and all other official records and documentation, will provide my Merit Selection Committee with the most complete information to determine your suitability for an academy nomination.

Your answers should reflect YOUR OWN BELIEFS and CONVICTIONS, not just what you think someone else might want to hear. Feel free to do research. Although the CONTENT of your answers is of greatest importance, grammar, spelling, punctuation and writing style will also be considered.

Please limit your answers to one (1) page double-spaced and answer all four questions. When completed, attach your four essay pages to this cover page with a paper clip (not a staple), and return it with your application.

Please print the numbered questions with your answers on four separate pages.

- 1. Are you planning on a military career? If “yes,” in what field or area would you want to specialize as an officer? Please explain.**
- 2. What benefits do you expect to receive from attendance at a service academy rather than a civilian college or university?**
- 3. Under what circumstances, if any, do you think it would be appropriate to question or disobey the orders of a superior officer?**
- 4. If, as the commanding officer of a military unit in combat, you have taken prisoners-of-war, what humanitarian provisions should you know about the Geneva Convention and its applications to prisoners-of-war?**

APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE

I am a legal resident of the State of Colorado.

I have read all of the information in the application packet, and I am aware of the procedure and requirements necessary for obtaining a service academy nomination from U.S. Senator Mark Udall.

If I have not submitted ALL required documents to the Denver office of U.S. Senator Mark Udall by the deadline,

LAST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER

I understand that I will not be given further consideration for a nomination this year.

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

NOTE: Information submitted with your application cannot be returned. Information submitted with your application is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(a), as amended and to the Freedom of Information Act, Section 552, as amended.

SCHOOL FORM

U.S. SENATOR MARK UDALL

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

This recommendation form must be completed by the applicant's high school principal or guidance counselor. Please send this completed form and the applicant's official transcript directly to the address of my State Office before the deadline on the last Friday in September.

NAME of APPLICANT.....
(first) (middle) (last)

NAME of SCHOOL.....

SCHOOL ADDRESS.....

.....SCHOOL PHONE # (.....).....

APPLICANT'S YEAR of GRADUATION.....

NUMERICAL CLASS RANK at END of JUNIOR YEAR..... of.....

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) at END of JUNIOR YEAR... ..

SAT SCORES.....Verbal.....Math.....

ACT SCORES.....Eng.....Math.....SocSci.....NatSci.....Comp.....

Please respond to the following questions. You may use another page if needed. Thank you.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what setting?
2. What is your overall assessment of this applicant as a candidate for admission to a service academy?
3. Please describe any personal circumstances or characteristics that might affect the applicant's performance at an academy.
4. Please describe and evaluate the applicant's leadership abilities, talents, strengths and limitations.

SIGNATURE.....TITLE.....DATE.....

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Suggestion: Maintain a “*Service Academies*” file at home. Keep this checklist in your file to help you obtain documents, letters, etc., in advance of deadlines.

Required Document	Date Due	Date Completed
Application form (with photo) completed and submitted to my State Senate office.		
Completed essay questions submitted to my office.		
Applications filed with your U.S. Representative and your other U.S. Senator in Colorado using THEIR application forms.		
Request a Pre-candidate questionnaire from each service academy to which you are considering applying (to be returned to each academy).		
School recommendation form completed by your Principal or Guidance Counselor and returned to my State Senate office. Your Counselor should include your official transcript and test scores with this form.		
Two personal recommendation letters from people who know you well should be sent to my State Senate office.		
SAT or ACT scores directed to my State Senate office.		

For additional information or to check on the status of your file in my office, please call my Service Academies staff at 303-650-7820.